GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DECLARATION OF COCONUT CROP AS NATIONAL CROP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from State Governments to declare coconut crop as national crop; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Government have not received any proposal from State Governments todeclare coconut crop as national crop. Government of India, however, provide support for increasing production and productivity of coconut; and product diversification and by product utilization. Minimum Support Price is also fixed for copra and procurementoperations are undertaken by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) under Price Support Scheme.